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SUBJECT: VOLTAN DELEGATION TO 7TH SPECIAL AND 30TH
REGULAR UNGA SESSIONS

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1. THE VOLTAN DELEGATION ATTENDING THE 7TH SPECIAL
SESSION UNGA AS WELL AS THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION UNGA
WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

A. LT COL SAYE ZERBO, FOREIGN MINISTER, HEAD OF
DELEGATION

B. TELESOPHORE YAGUIBOU, VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO USA.

C. LOUIS DOMINIQUE OUEDRAOGO, VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO
CANADA

D. ARBA DIALLO, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COOPERAT-
TION DIVISION, FORMIN

E. CORETIN DOULAYE KI, DIRECTOR, POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
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F. PIERRE J. SANOU, COUNSELOR TO GENERAL

SECRETARY, FORMIN

G. KOUELLA HAROUNA, FORMIN STAFF MEMBER

H. DIMBON BAMBA, FIRST SECRETARY, VOLTAN EMBASSY
CANADA

I. PAUL D. KABORE, FORMIN STAFF MEMBER

2. ARBA DIALLO WILL ACCOMPANY MINISTER ZERBO TO THE
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. THE THIRD MEMBER
OF THE NAC DELEGATION, GAETAN OUEDRAOGO MIGHT
POSSIBLY JOIN THE DELEGATION TO THE UNGA SESSIONS.
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WILL
ALSO BE ASSIGNED TO THE UNGA DELEGATION.

3. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
HAS ANY INTENTION OF ATTENDING EITHER OF THIS YEAR'S
UNGA SESSIONS.

FOR USUN:

1. ACCORDING TO FORMIN OFFICIALS, MINISTER ZERBO IS
MORE INTERESTED IN THE PRESIGIOUS ASPECTS OF HIS
OFFICE THAN IN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF VOLTAN FOREIGN
POLICY. THESE OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT ZERBO IS MORE
APT TO BE INFLUENCED BY HIS ADVISORS IN VOTING THAN
TO MAKE DECISIONS ON HIS OWN. IT IS FOR THIS REASON
THAT UPPER VOLTA ENDED UP AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE
UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA AT THE 29TH UNGA. HIS
ADVISORS AT THAT TIME REPORTEDLY FELT THAT NORTH
KOREA WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO UPPER VOLTA THAN
SOUTH KOREA AND CONVINCED THE MINISTER TO TAKE A
POSITION THAT WAS CONTRARY TO GOUV POSITION AND
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. THE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION LIKELY TO HAVE
MOST INFLUENCE ON ZERBO THIS YEAR IS ARBA DIALLO.
DIALLO IS VERY INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, AND IS
FLUENT IN ENGLISH. ALTHOUGH DIALLO IS FRIENDLY TO
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MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY, HE IS KNOWN TO BE SOMEWHAT

UNPREDICTABLE AND AT TIMES RADICAL IN HIS
OUTLOOK. HE IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO
CHINESE COMMUNISM AND IS OFTEN INVITED TO BOTH NORTH
KOREAN AND CHINESE EMBASSY FUNCTIONS.

3. PIERRE J. SANOU ALSO A KEY MEMBER OF DELEGATION,

SPENT SIX YEARS AS STAFF MEMBER OF VOLTAN PERMANENT
UN MISSION. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, VERY FRIENDLY TO
US, ALSO VERY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE. ON OCCASION
SOME ENMITY EXHIBITED BETWEEN SANOU AND DIALLO. THESE
TWO MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE GREATER INFLUENCE ON ZERBO THAN
OTHERS OF THE DELEGATION.
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